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Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Stadium will be the site of three straight days of collegiate track competition this weekend (April 9-11).

The annual EIU Relays will be held on Saturday on the all-weather track beginning at 11 a.m. Nine men will be entered in the EIU Decathlon on Sunday and Monday afternoons.

Sixteen teams are entered in the relays. Besides the host Panthers, they are Indiana State, Purdue, Lincoln (MO) University, Illinois State, SIU-Edwardsville, Wisconsin, Bradley, Indiana State-Evansville, Southwest Missouri, Western Illinois and Western Michigan along with Vincennes, Parkland, Spoon River and Danville junior colleges.

"We'll have a quality meet as these teams tuneup for the Kansas and Drake Relays later this spring," said Coach Neil Moore.

"In addition to these teams, we'll have a few top individuals including last year's No. 2 NCAA decathlete, John Sayre, from Southern Illinois."

The Panthers will be without the services of standout sprinter Claude Magee (Clermont, FL), who missed most of the indoor season with a hamstring injury, and has decided to sit out the outdoor season, also.

"This will hurt but we thought it to be the best decision in order to get him healthy," said Moore. "Everyone will have to pick up the slack."

Sam Graham (North Chicago) and junior Dwayne Brown (Chicago-Kenwood) will now be the main sprinters this spring.

Tom Lindsay (Palos Park-Sandburg), Rich Scheuring (Harwood Heights-Ridgewood) and Velton Austin (Bradley) will be the three Panther entries in Sunday-Monday's decathlon.